

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 13 through 20, with the following paragraph:

E1
Figures 1A-1O are fluorescence activated cell scanning (FACS) histogram profiles illustrating that mAbs 1D9 and 8G2 stain CCR2 transfectants but not CCR5 or CCR1 transfectants. L1/2 (also referred to herein as L1.2) murine pre-B lymphoma host cells were transfected with CCR2, CCR5 and CCR1 as indicated, and stained with antibodies with different receptor specificities. Staining was analyzed by flow cytometry.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 21, through page 11, line 2, with the following paragraph:

E2
Figures 2A-2L are FACS dot plots showing expression of CCR2 on most monocytes, a subpopulation of lymphocytes and a small subset of granulocytes. Whole blood cells were stained with one of three anti-CCR2 mAbs (5A11, generated using a peptide consisting of the first 32 amino acids of the CCR2 amino-terminus as an immunogen, and 1D9 and 8G2 generated as described herein using CCR2b L1/2 cell transfectants as the immunogen). Staining was analyzed by flow cytometry, and the lymphocyte, granulocyte and monocyte populations were gated using the forward and side light scatter. The X-axis represents forward light scatter (a measure of cell size), and the Y-axis fluorescence intensity of staining for CCR2. The level of negative control staining is indicated by a line.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 3 through 12, with the following paragraph:

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Figures 3A-3I are FACS dot plots showing that mAb 1D9 stains an IgE positive population in peripheral blood (basophils) using two-color staining for IgE and CCR2. Whole blood cells were first stained with either a negative control antibody (anti-Flag), anti-CCR2 antibody 1D9, or an anti-CXCR1 antibody, as indicated, and detected by an anti-mouse-FITC conjugate. A second staining was done using either PBS or a biotinylated antibody specific for IgE or CD16, as indicated, and detected with a streptavidin-phycoerythrin. Staining was analyzed by flow cytometry.

Please replace the paragraph at page 60, lines 2 through 18, with the following paragraph:

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For the staining of cultured transfectant cell lines 0.5×10^6 cells in 50 μ l were resuspended in PBS + 1% FCS in a 96 well polystyrene V-bottom plate. 50 μ l of primary antibody supernatants or HT medium (negative control) were added, and the samples were incubated at 4°C for 30 min. 100 μ l of PBS were added and the cells were pelleted by centrifugation and washed once with PBS. The pellet was resuspended in 100 μ l PBS + 1% FCS containing FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG antibody (a 1:250 dilution) and incubated for thirty minutes at 4°C in the dark. The cells were washed twice with PBS, resuspended in PBS, and analyzed by flow cytometry with a FacScan cytometer using the CellQuest software (Becton-Dickenson). Cells were fixed with PBS/1% formaldehyde if they were not to be analyzed the same day. Monoclonal antibodies 1D9 and 8G2 stain CCR2 transfectants but not CCR1 or CCR5 transfectants (Figures 1A-1O).

Please replace the paragraph at page 60, line 20, through page 61, line 13, with the following paragraph:

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100 μ l whole blood was mixed with 100 μ L of 1D9 antibody hybridoma supernatants or HT medium (negative control) and incubated at 4°C for 30 min. After one wash with PBS, 100 μ L FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG antibody (a 1:250 dilution) was added to each sample and incubated for 30 min. at 4°C in the dark. Samples were then washed once with PBS if a second color staining is to be done, otherwise washed twice more in PBS. For two color

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staining 5 μ l of mouse serum was added to the cell pellets after the single wash, mixed, and incubated for five minutes at 4°C in the dark. Second primary antibodies (or PBS as a negative control) were added (10 μ l anti-CD16, 100 μ l 1:200 dilution of anti-IgE) and incubated for thirty minutes at 4°C in the dark. Samples were then washed one time with PBS and resuspended in 100 μ L streptavidin PE (1:200 PBS + 1% BSA) and incubated for fifteen minutes at 4°C in the dark. Erythrocytes were lysed by adding 2 ml of FACS Lysing Buffer to each sample and incubating at room temperature in the dark for fifteen minutes or until samples were clear. The cells were pelleted by centrifugation and all but 200 μ l of the supernatant was aspirated. The samples were analyzed by flow cytometry on a FacScan cytometer using the CellQuest software (Becton-Dickenson). CCR2b is expressed on most monocytes, a subpopulation of lymphocytes and a subset of granulocytes (Figures 2A-2L). CCR2b is expressed on an IgE-positive population in peripheral blood (basophils)(Figures 3A-3I).

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - iii).

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 6 and 108.

Please add new Claims 112-115 as follows:

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- (New) An antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof according to Claim 1 wherein the antibody or fragment is selected from the group consisting of:
- a) an antibody having the epitopic specificity of monoclonal antibody 1D9;
and
 - b) antigen-binding fragments of (a) which bind to mammalian CC-chemokine receptor 2 or portion thereof.
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